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Unless otherwise designated, split years (e.g., 1999/2000) refer to Marketing Years. All measures not otherwise noted are in metric tons and expressed in raw value. One kilogram (kg) = 2.2046 lbs., one metric ton (mt) = 2,204.62 lbs. or 1.10231 short tons, and one hectare = 2.471 acres. One ton of refined cane sugar = 1.07 tons of sugar, raw value. One ton of refined beet sugar = 1.087 tons of sugar, raw value (except for the United States, which is 1.07).

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Marketing Years for Centrifugal Sugar

| Jan/Dec 1/ | Apr/Mar | May/Apr | Jun/May | Jul/Jun | Aug/Jul | Sep/Aug | Oct/Sep | Nov/Oct | Dec/Nov |
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| Egypt *Guyana *Haiti Jamaica Kenya Malaysia Morocco Peru Trinidad & T *Zaire | Chile Indonesia *Malawi South Africa Zimbabwe Cobago | Swaziland Brazil | Argentina Ecuador *Fiji *Mauritius | Australia *Bangladesh Greece Ireland *Paraguay *Reunion Spain *Tanzania | Romania | *Albania *Algeria *Baltic States *Barbados Belize *Bolivia *Bulgaria Canada Colombia *Cote d' Ivoire Czech Republic El Salvador Finland Hondu ras Hungary *Iran *Iraq Italy South Korea *Libya *New Zealand Nicaragua *Norway Philippines Portugal *Saudi Arabia *Siovakia *Sri Lanka *Sudan *Suriname *Switzerland *Tunisia Turkey United Kingdom *Uruguay Venezuela former Yugoslavia | China *Cuba Costa Rica India Japan Pakistan Panama Poland Sweden United States European Unior Russia Ukraine | Thailand Dominican Guatemala Mexico Nigeria Taiwan | Rep. |

^{1/} Calendar year in Egypt, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Peru, and Trinidad & Tobago is during the second half of split year.

^{*} Countries and regions not covered by USDA Agricultural Counselor or Attaché Reports.